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12. (New) Method for setting in absorbed state, within on a porous support, compounds contained in a starting material, comprising
  - a. contacting, at supercritical pressure, the starting material with a solvent fluid comprising at least one solvent to obtain a mixture of extracts and solvent fluid;
  - b. contacting the mixture of extracts and of solvent fluid with a bed of absorbent product adapted to absorb water selectively;
  - c. adjusting the temperature and pressure conditions of the mixture of extracts and solvent fluid exiting from the absorbent bed to obtain a first phase consisting

essentially of the solvent fluid in the gaseous state and a second phase comprising a mixture of solvent fluid and extracts from the starting material;

d. contacting the first and second phases with a porous support adapted to absorb the extracts;

e. vaporizing the solvent fluid contained in the second phase.

13. (New) Method according to Claim 12, wherein the solvent fluid is constituted by carbon dioxide, by nitrogen protoxide or by a light hydrocarbon having from 2 to 8 carbon atoms.

14. (New) Method according to Claim 13, wherein the solvent fluid has at least one co-solvent added thereto.

15. (New) Method according to Claim 14, wherein the solvent fluid co-solvent is constituted by an alcohol and preferably ethanol, and/or by a ketone and preferably acetone, and/or by an ester and preferably ethyl acetate.

16. (New) Method according to Claim 12, wherein the solvent fluid is a pure fluid.

17. (New) Method according to Claim 12, wherein the solvent fluid has at least one co-solvent added thereto.

18. (New) Method according to Claim 17, wherein the co-solvent is constituted by an alcohol and preferably ethanol, and/or by a ketone and preferably acetone, and/or by an ester and preferably ethyl acetate.

19. (New) Method according to one of Claims 12-18, wherein step (a) is effected at a pressure included between 7.4 MPa and 80 MPa, and at a temperature included between 0°C and 80°C.

20. (New) Method according to Claim 19, wherein step (d) is effected at a pressure included between 1 MPa and 10 MPa, and at a temperature included between 0°C and 80°C.

21. (New) Method according to Claim 19, wherein step (a) is effected at a pressure included between 10 MPa and 40MPa.

22. (New) Method according to Claim 21, wherein step (d) is effected at a pressure included between 1 MPa and 10 MPa, and at a temperature included between 0°C and 80°C.
23. (New) Method according to one of Claims 12-18, wherein step (d) is effected at a pressure included between 1 MPa and 10 MPa, and at a temperature included between 0°C and 80°C.
24. (New) Method according to Claim 231, wherein step (a) is effected at a pressure included between 4 MPa and 8MPa.
25. (New) Installation for extraction/impregnation of the type comprising, in serial connection:
  - an extractor adapted to accept a starting material for extraction and to allow at least one solvent fluid at supercritical pressure pass over the starting material producing a mixture of solvent fluid and extracted compounds;
  - an vessel comprising a material selected to absorb water from the mixture of solvent fluid and extracted compounds;
  - an impregnation enclosure comprising a porous medium selected to absorb extracts, the enclosure associated with means for contributing enthalpy, the means adapted to create, in the impregnation enclosure, a first phase consisting essentially of the solvent fluid in the gaseous state and a second phase comprising a mixture of liquids formed by solvent fluid and the extracts of the product, the porous medium and enthalpy effective to effect ~~the~~ absorption by the porous medium of extracted compounds.
26. (New) Installation according to Claim 25, wherein the means for contributing enthalpy is a double envelope jacket for circulating heat-exchange fluid.
27. (New) Installation according to Claim 25, comprising a pressure reducing valve between the vessel and the impregnation enclosure.

28. (New) Installation according to one of Claims 25-27, wherein the extractor is a fractionating column operating in counter-flow, adapted for the treatment of liquid raw materials.
29. (New) Installation according to Claim 28, comprising an injector of injecting an organic co-solvent within the solvent fluid.
30. (New) Installation according to one of Claims 25-27, comprising an injector for injecting an organic co-solvent within the solvent fluid.